

Applying for Parents in the Lead Activities Fund?

What you need to know...

Parents in the Lead activities fund is designed to help parents, grandparents and other adult carers' run activities for themselves together with their babies and toddlers 0-4 years, with other families locally. Activities must mostly take place in BD3, BD4, or BD5.

There is a simple application form to be filled in by grandparents/parents (and those helping them) to tell us their ideas and what money is needed. Parents include dads, mums and grandparents and families expecting a baby.

Activities should help 0-4's:

Eat well and be healthy

Talk and communicate well

Be confident, friendly and understand
their emotions and behaviour

Examples of activities that could be run:

- ✓ Ante-natal classes that help expectant parents support each other before a baby is born
- ✓ Activities for very small babies and their parents, e.g. simple games, singing and signing
- ✓ A playgroup or activities for dads and their 0-4's together
- ✓ Activities with grandparents, babies & toddlers together
- ✓ Planting or other outdoor activities with 0-4's and parents

Case Study

Some members of our antenatal group who live near each other in Barkerend want to continue to meet now our babies have been born. This is for mutual support and to start baby sign language classes, once we have learned sign language ourselves. The activities fund would allow us to pay for someone to teach us baby sign language and to lead the first month of sessions.

You may have completely different ideas!

Money available:

Your group can apply for a maximum of **£2,500** in one year. You can apply more than once a year, perhaps for two different projects, but the limit is **£2,500**.



Please only ask for what you need.

Deadlines to apply:

Please check our website to find out the latest deadline date.

Help:

We can help you complete an application form or you may be able to get help from a school or community group that you know. If you would like support with the application, please contact us on 01274 723146. One of the members of our Family and Community Engagement Team will be happy to meet you.



Let us know if your group does not have a bank account and we will help you look for another group to hold your funding. You can ask for some money in your application to pay an organisation to support you to make your ideas happen.

Decisions:

Decisions will be made within six weeks of a deadline. We will contact you with any questions so we understand what you are planning. If successful we will contact you to sign your agreement, so you can get your funding. **Your activities won't be able to start until this has been done.**

When your funded activities end:

We need to know who took part (different ages, female/ male, different ethnicities, where people live), how well your activities worked, what lessons you learned and how you spent the money. We have an End of Project Report that you will need to fill in to tell us this.

Any questions?

If you have any questions, please contact us on 01274 723146 or by email to hello@betterstartbradford.org.uk

Top Tips:

- Show your filled in form to someone who knows nothing about your ideas to see if it makes sense.
- Tell us how you know there is a need for what you plan to do.
- Tell us about any big costs and how they fit into what you are planning.

To find out more about Parents in the Lead visit

www.betterstartbradford.org.uk/parentsinthelead